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********** AMSAT 2007 Space Symposium **********

The Wireless Association of South Hills Amateur Radio Club announces the 2007 AMSAT Space Symposium will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel on Friday, October 26 through Sunday, October 28, 2007. The AMSAT web team has posted informational pages on the AMSAT web site. You can find the announcement with many links at: http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/2007/index.php

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Annual International Amateur Radio Satellite Forum at Symposium

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The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Administrative Council holds its Amateur Satellite Forum on alternating years between the AMSAT-NA Symposium and the AMSAT-UK Colloquium. This year is the turn to hold this forum in the USA at the Symposium on Sunday, October 28.

Three speakers are currently scheduled to address the forum. There is also time planned for a panel discussion with the IARU delegates. The forum will be open to everyone attending the Symposium.

[ANS thanks the Symposium Committee for the above information]

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AMSAT Awards

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Bruce, KK5DO, AMSAT Director Contests and Awards says the latest awards are:

We would like to welcome the following to the satellite community. They have made their first satellite contact and are now members of the AMSAT Satellite Communicators Club.
Richard Silva, WA6ES

AMSAT Communication Achievement Award
Jeffery Thomas, K7WIN, #454
Douglas Papay, KD8CAO, #455

South Africa AMSAT Communication Achievement Award
Jeffery Thomas, K7WIN, #US112
Douglas Papay, KD8CAO, #US113

To see all the awards visit http://www.amsat.org.

[ANS thanks Bruce, KK5DO for the above information]

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Students to Build Satellite Antennas at AMSAT Symposium

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Richard Crow, N2SPI will conduct a workshop which will mentor students to build satellite antennas for 145 and 435 MHz. They will be able to use their antenna to receive signals from AO-51, SO-50, and AO-27. The workshops are slated to take place on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Symposium.

[ANS thanks the Symposium Committee for the above information]

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Sputnik 50th Anniversary Special Events Planned for October 4

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AMSAT-NA will mark the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik with a

special event on AO-51. AO-51 will rebroadcast original Sputnik telemetry and a congratulatory message to mark the event during passes over North America on the evening of Wednesday, October 3rd in North America, which is early October 4th UTC. At this time, only the passes over North America will be able to carry the special event. Please watch ANS and the amsat-bb mailing list for further information as the date approaches.

Robert, G8ATE and John, G7HIA will be using the special call sign GB50SO starting on the 4th October for one month to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the launch of the first earth orbiting satellite SPUTNIK ONE on that date in 1957. All of the available analogue satellites will be used as time permits. A special QSL card will be available after the event.

[ANS thanks Drew, KO4MA, and Robert, G8ATE for the above information]

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Satellite Shorts From All Over

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+ Make your room reservations for the 2007 AMSAT Space Symposium in Pittsburgh as soon as possible. Any rooms that have not been reserved by October 8th will be released to the hotel. For the reservation code, go to the AMSAT website and click on the left hand side - AMSAT Symposium. If you have any problems making a reservation, please call Martha in the ASMAST office at (301-589-6062).

+ Drew, KO4MA, AMSAT VP Operations reminds AO-51 users that its time to again submit your mode requests for the month of October. Please submit them to ao51-modes@amsat.org as soon as possible.

+ Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, ARRL Assistant Manager, Membership & Volunteer Programs Department wrote this week, "After review, ARRL will permit contacts through the ISS (Earth - ISS - Earth) to be counted towards satellite endorsement for WAS and DXCC. This applies to contacts made via the onboard repeater equipment provided that the equipment does not hold and re-transmit information. Contacts with the ISS do not receive any award credit. Further information will be available on the LoTW website." See: http://www.arrl.org/lotw/

+ Masa, JN1GKZ has an FO-29 Operation Schedule page at: http://www.ne.jp/asahi/m-arai/gkz/satinfo/fo29e.htm

[ANS thanks everyone for the above information]

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In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining donors to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive additional benefits. Application forms are available from the AMSAT Office.

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This week's ANS Editor,
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